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CENTER NEWS

SUMMER

It appears that this year's interminable springtime raininess may have a payoff this summer- namely an adequate supply of water for installing new landscapes around your homes and businesses. The disadvantage of this aqueous bounty is that we tend to forget that dreadfully dry summers, such as in 1992, are a recurring feature around here. So, remember water conservation in your choice of plants, and don't forget that we can help! Visit the Miller Library for information about water conserving landscapes and stroll our grounds for suggestions for low-water-use species and cultivars.

NEW APPOINTMENT

Professor John A. Wott has a new, exciting responsibility at the Center. He was recently appointed Director of Arboreta and will spend most of his time at our Washington Park Arboretum site. Big doings in the future include pursuing a new master plan for the Arboretum in cooperation with our friends in the Arboretum Foundation and the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. What do we expect of the Arboretum in the 21st century and how do we achieve our lofty goals? Everyone who values and loves the Arboretum will have a chance to help us answer these key questions as our master plan is developed. Dr. Wott is also available to speak to groups regarding Arboretum plans; call 543-8800 for details.

NEW AT UNION BAY

The next time you visit the Center, take a stroll around back and see something new. The Center, in cooperation with the City of Seattle Solid Waste Utility, has installed a new Test Garden that utilizes Cedar Grove composted yard trimmings in various combinations with soil and as a mulch. Tests will record garden plant growth, water movement and retention, and other factors. Signage further explains the project.

WASHINGTON GARDEN CLINIC CONTINUES

The Washington Garden Clinic continues to be a highly successful program. The Clinic is operated Monday evenings from 4 to 7:45 p.m. at CUH. Washington State University Master Gardeners are available to provide home gardening advice and plant pest and disease diagnosis. Miller Library personnel are available to help you access their vast resources, and faculty and staff from CUH's Otis Douglas Hyde Hortorium are available to assist with plant identification (please bring leaves and flowers and/or fruits).

ARBORETUM NEWS

TIME TO TALK

Want to know what's going on at the Arboretum? Do you have concerns? The first Wednesday of each month, from Noon to 1 p.m., will be your opportunity to join WPA Director John Wott for informal chats. Bring your lunch and find out *Wott's Going On*!

ARBORETUM TALES

Join us for this new series where staff and friends of the Arboretum will share tales of their travels during the noon hour of the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your sack lunch and enjoy highlights of garden tours, research, travels and other fun and interesting adventures! Tracy Omar shows scenes from the deserts of Arizona on July 20, while John Wott will showcase a nursery/garden tour of Australia on August 17.

GRAHAM VISITORS CENTER (GVC) and the Arboretum Foundation Gift Shop are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from Noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

SUNDAYS AT ONE (1 p.m.) Arboretum Guides lead FREE tours every Sunday highlighting plants of seasonal interest. Departs from GVC.

MASTER GARDENERS from Washington State University will be at the GVC every Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. to answer gardening questions.

SPECIAL TOURS for school classes, garden clubs and other interested groups can be arranged with three weeks' advance notice.

TELEPHONES
CUH: 685-8033, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays
WPA: 543-8800, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays, Noon to 4 p.m., weekends

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Parking at CUH is in a University parking lot; students are responsible for their own $1.50 parking fees. Purchase tickets (quarters only) in the red ticket spitters in the parking lots.

LUNCH TIME GARDEN TALKS

Informal talks and walks on home gardening at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

12:10 to 12:50 p.m., CUH, FREE

PLANTS OF PROMISE

June 23

The gardens around the Center for Urban Horticulture contain uncommon and beautiful plants with great potential for use in your own garden! Washington Park Arboretum Director Dr. John A. Wott highlights annuals and perennials with horticultural promise.

GREENHOUSE/NURSERY TOUR

July 28

Douglas Research Conservatory houses both research projects and the plant production resources of CUH and the Washington Park Arboretum. Join Greenhouse Manager Fred Hoyt and enjoy a rare chance to visit the greenhouses, propagation areas and nursery of this state of the art greenhouse facility.

COMPOST DEMONSTRATION PLOTS

August 25

CUH graduate student Stephanie Allen is completing research on vegetable and flower gardening with Cedar Grove compost in 36 raised beds behind the Center. Join Stephanie for this look at what's happening in her test plots, and learn how to make compost work in your own garden.

PLANT ENTHUSIAST

Regional experts present in-depth lectures on specific plant groups.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH. Lecture fee is $2, payable at the door.

BAMBOO IN YOUR LANDSCAPE

July 14

Bamboo is a stunning evergreen plant available in many sizes, forms and varieties. Learn about culture, site selection, care and control in the garden. Don Jenson of Fairlight Gardens (a local bamboo nursery) will discuss hardy bamboos suited to the Pacific Northwest.

FERNS

August 4

Judith Jones of Fancy Fronds Nursery has helped ferns find a cherished place in Northwest gardens. Discover new fern introductions from China and how they can be useful in your garden. Learn about selection and cultural concerns for successfully integrating ferns into the perennial or shrub border.

PLANTS AND GARDENS OF THE WORLD

Unique combination of travelogue, plant examination, people & plant cultural information..

7 to 9 p.m., CUH, $5, payable at the door.

ENGLAND & IRELAND IN BLOOM

July 12

Part 1: Ireland in Bloom

The gardens of Ireland are unexploited, untrampled and unbeatable in exuberance. Join Barbara Keightley for a look at spectacular gardens, including ButterStream in the rich farmland of Meath, and the 18th Century Annes Grove Gardens. The lush rolling lands of southern Ireland await!

Part 2: English Gardens to Discover for Yourself

Gayle Walters, an avid gardener and traveler, shares her travel secrets and slides of garden gems of England. Discover how easy it is to get off the beaten path and visit private city gardens and country estates. Learn about resources that will make your visit as unique as the gardens you encounter.

MASTER GARDENER LECTURES

Practical gardening information for everyone, presented by WSU Master Gardeners.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m., CUH, $2. payable at the door.

SEEDS FOR FALL

July 15

Successful cool season crops are started while it's still hot outside. *Now* is the time to seed for fall flowers and vegetables. Learn to produce sturdy plants for a cool season harvest from WSU Master Gardeners.

SUMMER BULBS

August 19

Summer bulbs add surprise and interest to hot summer gardens. Enjoy slides and learn to identify summer bulbs that are flowering now -- and can flower for you next year!

DESIGNING YOUR GARDEN WITH NATIVE PLANTS

September 16

Lower water use, lower maintenance, reduced pest problems- just three of the reasons many native plants are such fine additions to your garden. Master Gardeners share tips for designing with and selecting native for your landscape.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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				1 **7 p.m.*** Summer Pruning	2	3 **10 a.m.*** Summer Pruning **Noon WPA** Master Gardeners
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CUH = Center for Urban Horticulture
WPA = Washington Park Arboretum
❀ = Master Gardener Clinic, Noon–4 p.m., WPA

HUB = Husky Union Building
* = Fee
? = Washington Garden Clinic, 4–8 p.m., CUH

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Pre-registration is required for all CUH Courses and Tours.

Each course is offered only once, but may be conducted over several class periods on different days. Note "Dates & Times" listings for each course. Achievement program courses are asterisked, with explanations at the end of listings.

SUMMER PRUNING*

Thought you were done for the year? Actually, summer is an excellent time (even the preferred time) for pruning certain plants- like those that send out watersprouts, or bleed too much in the spring. Fruit trees, spring flowering shrubs and other plants will benefit from summer pruning. Learn how, when and which plants to prune.

Dates & Times: Two-part course; July 1, 7 to 9 p.m., July 3, 10 a.m. to Noon
Instructor: Cass Turnbull
Fee: $19

GARDENS & THEIR DESIGNERS TOUR

Join us to see how designers solve problems, select plants, and create moods. Landscape Architects Peter and Deborah Harvard showcase two gardens that incorporate year-round interest and multi-use spaces. Designer Kevin Harvey shares a garden which accommodates a plant lover and a growing family. Designer Philips Foss Wood shares his own garden, a personal space used as a plant and design laboratory.

Date & Time: July 8, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: $32, includes transportation

TREE ID, Part 2**

Ready to start or ready for more? Learn to recognize over 40 trees in this continuation of our introductory identification course. Lecture and field trips will provide the opportunity to begin to study the landscape and ornamental characteristics of these landscape-appropriate trees. (You need not have taken Part 1 to participate.)

Dates & Times: Two-part course; July 13, 7 to 9 p.m. and July 17, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (with 90 minute lunch break)
Instructor: Scott Vergara
Fee: $35

TUFA TIME

Learn to make your own simulated stone planter from a peat moss and cement recipe known as hypertufa. Students will construct a small container during class and gain the skills for making larger, more varied shaped containers at home.

Date & Time: July 20, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Instructors: Anita Drake, Dave Stockdale
Fee: $23

PERENNIAL ID WALK***

See a wide range of perennials growing and learn to recognize the differences between them in this beginner's level course. Common and not-so-common plants will be viewed, and information on cultural requirements, plant availability, and appropriate landscape uses will be provided. Directions to the garden site will be provided with confirmation of course registration.

Date & Time: July 21, 7 to 9 p.m.
Instructor: Sue Buckles
Fee: $12

REGISTRATION FORM
Urban Horticulture Courses

COURSE	FEE	STUDENT NAME(S)	TOTAL
			$

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR $_____

Checks payable to University of Washington. No bank cards. Registrations filled in order received. Limited class enrollment; classes fill rapidly, so register early. Portion of fee may cover refreshments and speaker expenses.

Refunds: Requests must be in writing or in person. Requests received 7 days or less from first class meeting have a $3.00 handling fee deducted. No refunds after the first class meeting.

NAME _____ Phone: Day_____ Evening_____

ADDRESS _____
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Mail payment and registration to:
Urban Horticulture Courses, GF-15
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Seattle, Washington 98195

To request disability accommodation contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator, at least ten days in advance of an event: 543-6450 (voice) 543-6452 (TDD); 685-3885 (FAX) access@u.washington.edu (E-mail)

GARDEN HISTORY TOUR

The Oregon Trail brought new people and plants to the Northwest 150 years ago. Garden historian Kathy Mendelson discusses regional horticultural history during this tour to the Vancouver/Portland area. First, visit Fort Vancouver to see vegetables, herbs, grains and flowers commonly used in the 1830's. Next, discover the influence of "Johnny Appleseed" during our visit to the 1850's Pioneer Orchard of Bybee House (over 150 heirloom fruit varieties). Finally, visit Fir Acres (now Lewis & Clark College), an opulent example of a 1920's formal terraced garden.

Date & Time: July 28, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Guide/Instructor: Kathy Mendelson
Fee: $39, includes transportation

FLORA OF MT. RAINIER & MT. ST. HELENS

The rugged beauty of Mt. Rainier has been shaped by mud flows, frost, avalanche, and erosion. The region around Mt. St. Helens is still recovering from the devastation of a major eruption. This tour explores the relationships between the terrain and the plants of Mt. Rainier, and the recolonization of Mt. St. Helens.

Dates & Times: Two-day tour; leave August 5, 8 a.m., and return August 6 at approximately 9 p.m.
Guides: Timothy Hohn, Tracy Omar
Fee: $125; fee includes transportation, lodging at UW's Pack Forest, all meals except second day's dinner.

NATURAL HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

The Olympic Peninsula offers a unique combination of plant and animal communities shaped by geology, topography, weather patterns and other forces. Study sites to be visited include the Willaby Creek Nature Trail at Lake Quinalt, the Hoh rainforest and the loop hike in the Hall of Mosses, the terraced forest communities of the Southeast corner of the Peninsula, and the high elevation sub-alpine forest and meadow near Hurricane Ridge.

Dates & Times: Two-day tour; leave August 5, 8 a.m., and return August 6 at approximately 7 p.m.
Guides: Ted Thomas, Dave Stockdale
Fee: $145; fee includes transportation, lodging, all meals except second day's dinner.

** Course also qualifies for the Woody Plant Management category of the Achievement Program*
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**** Course also qualifies for the Herbaceous Plants category of the Achievement Program*

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Summer Hours: Mondays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library and CUH will be closed July 4 and September 5.

The Elisabeth C. Miller Library has received a welcome grant of $10,000 from the Northwest Horticultural Society to continue Monday evening hours during the Washington Garden Clinic throughout the summer months. The gift will also be used to continue the lending collection, telephone reference service, and other public outreach programs.

The library hosted the national conference of the Council of Botanical and Horticultural Libraries this past May. Programs, workshops, speakers, and tours were all very successful. Thanks to the staff, volunteers, and the members of the Northwest horticultural community who helped. Elisabeth C. Miller received an honorary certificate at the conference, acknowledging her contribution in founding a new horticultural library for the public in the Pacific Northwest.

NORTHWEST HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

Call the NHS office at 527-1794 for information on the following events:

ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE

The NHS Fall Plant Sale will be held September 17-18 at CUH, beginning at 10 a.m. each day. A wonderful assortment of plants will be available, so come early for the best selection.

SUMMER LECTURES

New Plant Introductions from the Netherlands. Lecture by Gert Fortgens, Curator, Arboretum Tropemburg, Rotterdam. August 10, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH. Fee: $5 for members, $7 for non-members.

Beyond Color- the Painterly Art of Planting. Lecture by Sandra and Nori Pope, garden designers, Hadspen House, Somerset, England. October 26, 7:30 p.m., NHS Hall, CUH.

ARBORETUM FOUNDATION NEWS

Call the Arboretum Foundation at 325-4510 for further information about:

FALL BULB SALE

Beautiful bulbs, winter-flowering wonders, and more will be available at the Fall Bulb Sale at Graham Visitors Center on Saturday, October 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to Noon.

UNIVERSITY BROWN BAG GARDEN TALKS

General interest gardening talks for University faculty, staff, students.

FREE. 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.

GARDENING ON SLOPES

July 7; meet in HUB, Room 304F

Learn to make those frustrating slopes a showpiece of the garden. Diane Ryba discusses gardening techniques and plants effective for steep sites.

COLORFUL ANNUAL WALK

July 21; meet at the Red Square entrance to Suzzallo Library

Annuals can provide instant color, tropical flair or seasonal fragrance. Join CUH Public Education Intern Anita Drake and examine common and unusual campus annuals of all shapes, sizes and colors.

PLANT PEST WALK

August 4; meet in the Forestry Courtyard between Anderson and Bloedel Halls

Even if you don't see the pest, your plants often exhibit the signs of pest problems. Mignonne Partington demonstrates how to identify weevils, fungus, and other critters by the holes, spots or galls they leave on plants.

CONIFER WALK

August 18, meet at the Red Square entrance to Suzzallo Library

Conifers are a quintessential part of the Northwest native and created landscape. Join Steve Jensen of Washington Park Arboretum for a campus walk and discussion of selection and care of conifers.

GARDEN IDEA WALK: Plants For Garden Structure

September 1; meet at the Red Square entrance to Suzzallo Library

Trees and shrubs provide our gardens with structure that lasts throughout the seasons. Join UW student Katherine Van Pelt as she examines campus specimens and discusses their uses as foundations within the garden.

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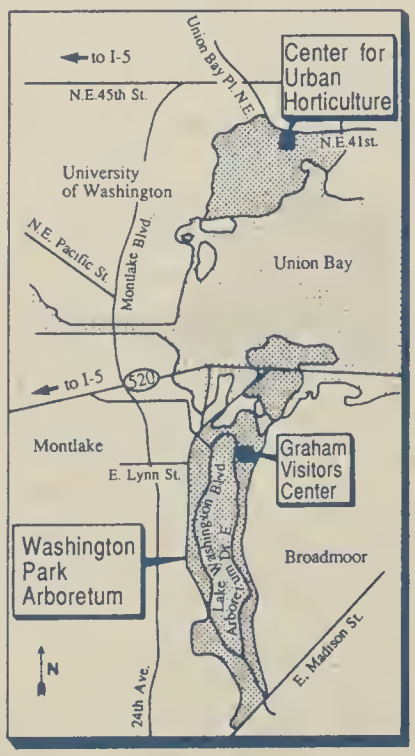
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